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In re Application of: Holt, et al.)

Examiner: Nerbun, Peter P.)

Serial No.: 10/032,829)

Art Unit: 3765)

Filed: October 19, 2001)

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Methods for Applying Spindle Apparatus)

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Species Election dated August 5, 2003, Applicants hereby respond as follows.

Applicants hereby elect for initial prosecution the claims directed to "a method for tracking usage parameters of product pulled from a roll". Claims 38 thru 64 read on this species election.

For the Examiner's convenience, enclosed is a listing of all of the pending claims. Please note that various dependent claims have been added that are directed to a non-elected species. The independent claim from which they depend, however, is a generic claim to the newly added claims. Thus, Applicants submit that should claim 38 be allowed, then the newly added claims should be allowed as well.

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AMENDMENT

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is to be treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

| Claims remaining after amendment | Highest number previously paid for | Present Extra | Additional Fee |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Total Effective Claims 40 minus 81 | = 0 | X \$18 = | \$.00 |
| Independent Claims 3 minus 8 | = 0 | x \$86 = | \$.00 |
| If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for <u>first</u> time, add \$290.00 (per application) | | | \$.00 |
| Since Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>September 5, 2003</u> , PETITION is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$110; 2 months \$420; 3 months \$950; 4 months \$1480) | | | \$ 110.00 |
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